

Little Learners at St Anne's and Castle Batch

Funding question and answers

I would like to choose for my child to access their funded hours without any additional fees, how can I do this?

All families are welcome to choose option one to access their child's funded entitlement for free from September 2025.

Do I have to provide snacks for my child?

No, a morning and afternoon snack is provided for all children accessing all options.

Can I purchase a hot lunch for my child?

No, option one - packed lunch or tea must be provided.

Yes, option two and three - hot lunches may be purchased from Aspens.

Do I need to supply my child with learning materials?

No, all learning materials are provided for children accessing all options.

Can I change my mind between sessions?

Families can opt to change their sessions at the start of a new funding term (September, January or April) but sessions remain subject to availability. With nearly all children now being entitled to funding, we don't anticipate having much availability for children to change sessions once they have been booked.

Can I book a different option for the future?

No, families must choose an option to start in September 2025 and any future changes will be subject to availability at the start of each academic year.

My child attends 8.00am - 6.00pm, can they still do this in September?

Yes, children attending on option two or three can choose to pay for the 4.00pm - 6.00pm session which includes a light tea.

Can my child still attend Early Birds (7.30am - 8.00am)?

Yes, children attending on option 2 or 3 can choose to pay for an Early Bird start.

Can I pay for additional sessions above my child's funded hours?

Option one - no. As an entirely free of charge option, additional hours cannot be booked.

Option two or three - yes. Additional sessions/days can be booked subject to availability.

How do I request changes to my child's sessions?

Requests should be made in writing to the Nursery inbox, in line with the notice periods outlined in the terms and conditions. Managers/Pre-School Leaders can provide support and advice via telephone or in person where required.